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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC-TECHNICAL DAYS IN THE U.S.

1. COMMERCE/BEWT INFORMED BY HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 9 THAT DELEGATION FROM HUNGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (HCC) WOULD BE ARRIVING IN U.S. BETWEEN DECEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 23 TO PLAN ECONOMIC-TECHNICAL DAYS IN U.S. DELEGATION WOULD REMAIN UNTIL ABOUT JANUARY 1 AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, HOUSTON, DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS. HUNGARIANS ALSO REQUESTED THAT BEWT PROVIDE ESCORT OFFICER. NAMES OF HCC OFFICIALS WHO WOULD TRAVEL ARE MR. FALUDY AND MR. SZATLER.

2. BEWT HUNGARIAN DESKOFFICER INFORMED HUNGARIANS OF PROBLEMS POSED BY TIMING OF VISIT DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND-SHORT PLANNING TIME REMAINING. HOWEVER, HUNGARIANS SEEM INTENT ON HAVING DELEGATION VISIT DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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DAS DOWNEY TO HCC PRESIDENT KALLOS AND REINFORCE

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NECESSITY OF POSTPONING THIS PLANNING MISSION UNTIL A
LATER DATE. (FYI: KALLOS SENT DAS DOWNEY TELEX RECEIVED
HERE DECEMBER 8 CONFIRMING THEIR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
OF DECEMBER 6.)

4. QUOTE: DEAR MR. KALLOS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEPHONE CALL AND TELEX REGARDING THE
HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC-TECHNICAL DAYS IN THE U.S. WE ARE
DELIGHTED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
COMPILING, FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, A LIST OF SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE FALL OF 1977.
WE SHALL SEND THIS INFORMATION TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TOGETHER WITH A LIST OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS IN THE U.S.
AS I MENTIONED TO YOU ON THE TELEPHONE, SINCE THE
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT IS A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY, WE CANNOT
RECOMMEND SPECIFIC FIRMS TO YOU. I HAVE ALSO TOLD THE
MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EAST-WEST TRADE OF
YOURPLANS AND HAVE ASKED THEM TO SUBMIT ANY IDEAS OR
SUGGESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT YOU
PLAN TO SEND A SMALL TEAM OF EXPERTS TO THE U.S. AROUND
DECEMBER 20 TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR THESE EVENTS. I
STRONGLY URGE YOU TO POSTPONE THIS TRIP. THE DATES
PROPOSED FALL DIRECTLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS/HANUKKAH
HOLIDAY PERIOD AND IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO
ARRANGE MEANINGFUL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE DELEGATION DURING
THIS PERIOD. IN ADDITION, I THINK A PLANNING VISIT SUCH
AS THIS WILL BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE AFTER YOU HAVE LOOKED
AT THE SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEETINGS IN THE
U.S. AND HAD A CHANCE TO EVALUATE THE INDUSTRIES YOU WISH
TO FOCUS ON DURING THE ECONOMIC TECHNICAL DAYS.

SINCERELY, SIGNED ARTHUR T. DOWNEY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR EAST-WEST TRADE. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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